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Comment. The improvement of the Frankfurt/Oder - Warsaw - Brest Litovsk - Bobruisk - Rogachev - Roslavl - Moscow highway was known previously. It appears incredible that this highway is to be brought to a width of 35 meters and to be surfaced throughout this width. During the German occupation the highway was called "Rollbahn VII". At that time the highway was 10 meters wide at most of it was surfaced.

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